

Nonrenewable Energy

Nonrenewable energy sources come out of the ground as liquids, gases and solids. Right now, crude [oil](#) (petroleum) is the only naturally liquid commercial fossil fuel. [Natural gas](#) and [propane](#) are normally gases, and [coal](#) is a solid. Coal, petroleum, natural gas, and propane are all considered fossil fuels because they formed from the buried remains of plants and animals that lived millions of years ago. [Uranium](#) ore, a solid, is mined and converted to a fuel. Uranium is not a fossil fuel. These energy sources are considered nonrenewable because they can not be replenished (made again) in a short period of time. Renewable energy sources can be replenished naturally in a short period of time.

